

AMENDMENTS TO FACE THE VOTER

WILL BE ASKED TO DECIDE ON
THREE PROPOSED CHANGES
TO CONSTITUTION.

At the election to be held in Michigan Tuesday, November 7, there will be submitted to the electors of the state three proposed amendments to the constitution of the state. A statement prepared by Charles Deland, secretary of state, sets forth the proposed amendments and the effect that they will have.

One of these is a proposed amendment to the constitution providing that article XIII be amended by adding a section to be known as section 5, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Subject to this constitution the legislature may authorize municipalities, subject to reasonable limitations, to condemn and to take the fee to more land and property than is needed in the acquiring, opening and widening of parks, boulevards, public places, streets, alleys, or for any public use, and after so much of the land and property has been appropriated for any such needed public purpose, the remainder may be sold or leased with or without restrictions as may be appropriate to the improvement made. Bonds may be issued to supply the funds to pay in whole or in part for the excess property so appropriated, but such bonds shall be a lien only on the property so acquired and they shall not be included in any limitation of the bonded indebtedness of such municipality.

This proposed amendment, if adopted, will empower the legislature to authorize municipalities to acquire property in excess of that needed for parks, boulevards, etc., and issue bonds for the payment of same.

A proposed amendment to section 3 of article X to read as follows is also to be voted upon:

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide by law a uniform rule of taxation, except on property paying specific taxes and taxes shall be levied on such property as shall be prescribed by law. Provisions may be made by law for a tax of not to exceed four per centum upon or with respect to the net gains, profits and incomes, from what ever source derived, which tax may be graduated and progressive and which may provide for reasonable exemptions. For the purpose of such tax, property and persons, firms and corporations, upon which such tax shall operate may be classified: Provided, That the legislature shall provide by law a uniform rule of taxation for such property as shall be assessed by the state board of assessors and the rate of taxation on such property shall be the rate which the state board of assessors shall ascertain and determine is the average rate levied upon other property upon which ad valorem taxes are assessed for state, county, township, school and municipal purposes.

This proposed amendment, if adopted, will authorize the enactment of an income tax law providing for a tax of not to exceed four per centum upon net gains, profits and incomes, and providing for a classification of property and persons upon which such a tax may operate.

The third proposed amendment is to article VIII, by adding section 20, to read as follows:

Sec. 20. The legislature may provide for the incorporation of ports and port districts, and confer powers and authority upon them to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

This proposed amendment, if adopted, will authorize the legislature to provide for the incorporation of port and port districts to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

PRICES CHANGE OCTOBER 1

Postmaster Frank O. Parker has received notice that slight changes will be made in the prices of Treasury Savings Certificates, which are on sale at the post offices, on and after October 1. The price of the certificate with a maturity value of \$25.00 which is now selling at \$20.00, will increase in cost fifty cents at that time. The certificate with a \$100 maturity value will cost \$82.00 instead of \$80.00 after that date and the \$1,000 certificate will be sold for \$820.00 instead of \$800.00 after that time. These certificates mature in five years from the date of purchase and yield 4 1/2 per cent, compounded semi-annually if purchased before October 1. After October 1 the interest rate will become 4 per cent compounded semi-annually.

REUNION HELD

An event of unusual enjoyment occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Geisel, 626 Bridge street Sunday when Mrs. Geisel's father and mother, brothers and sisters, gathered for a family reunion. A bounteous repast was served at noon. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Callaghan of Carson City, T. O'Callaghan, Jr., of Everett, Wash., Charles Martin of Fort Edward, N. Y., Mrs. Ann Shroyer of Alpena, Mr. and Mrs. George Humphrey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hooper, Mrs. Fred Bunnings and Frank and Louise Humphrey of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Boien and children, Mrs. E. G. Jackson, Mrs. Leo Willett, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boien of Grand Rapids.

Get a package of Handy Scratch Pads at the Record office—advertisement.

Local News

W. A. Borton was in Detroit, Monday on business.

Homer M. Dunham was in Ithaca on business Friday.

Charles H. Goggin was in Saginaw on business Thursday.

Verne Rogers of Detroit spent the week end in this city.

Cider barrels for sale. Superior Bakery—advertisement. 70-2wks.

Attorney Charles H. Goggin was in Saginaw on business Friday.

Charles H. Goggin was in Gaylord the first of the week on business.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers—advertisement. 02-tfc

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hall were in Detroit on business Friday of last week.

Reed Ruggles left Wednesday for the east where he will again attend school this year.

Attorney Charles H. Goggin of this city, was in Gaylord on legal business the first of the week.

Mrs. Nettie Osborn of Elwell visited Mrs. Amanda Shoemaker and family of Alma last week.

Mrs. Clarence Miller returned Wednesday from a six weeks stay in the Adirondack mountains.

Attorneys Emil Tassin and Hugh Braun of Saginaw were Alma visitors for a short time on Friday.

Dr. E. G. Slayter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones—advertisement.

Frank W. Ruggles and Ezra L. Smith returned Saturday from a several days' business trip to London, Ontario.

Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Isobel, and Mrs. Morrison of Mt. Pleasant were business callers here Wednesday afternoon.

The next regular meeting of Royal Temple No. 16 Pythian Sisters will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 26, at the K. of P. hall.

S. O. Burdick of Pontiac, formerly the editor of the St. Louis Leader was in Alma on business the latter part of last week.

Walter Brown has moved to St. Louis where he has charge of a garage and accessory store for the Gratiot County Oil Co.

Search the attic and closets for old clothes. The Presbyterian ladies will hold a rummage sale soon. Watch for date!—advertisement.

The Misses Merle Doerr and Marjorie Eaton of Detroit are visiting in Alma this week guests of Miss Dorothy Young, 114 East Center st.

The Portnightly Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. Vliet, 426 Wright avenue, on Tuesday afternoon September 26 at 3:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goggin left the latter part of last week for Ashland, Ohio, where they expect to spend the winter months at the home of their daughter.

Don't forget, Monday and Tuesday Sept. 25 and 26. We have with us Mr. Tapp with a full line of Newton Anna Furs, at The Gaffney Style Shop—advertisement.

Alma Electric & Battery Co. is equipped to repair any make of electric iron, toaster, vacuum cleaner or other electrical appliances. Telephone 367—advertisement.

Mr. R. J. Oosting, a student at the Chicago University, supplied the pulpit at the Baptist Church last Sunday. Mr. Oosting came as a candidate for the pastorate of the Church.

Postmaster Frank O. Parker went to Saginaw, Saturday and that evening returned with Mrs. Parker, who has been in a Saginaw hospital recovering from an operation performed some weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dowd left Tuesday for Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Dowd will visit her people at Fundlake, and Mr. Dowd will go on to St. Louis, Mo. for the J. C. Penney store convention which takes place there.

H. O. Hughart of Grand Rapids, chairman of the building committee of the Board of Trustees of Alma College, was at the college Monday looking over the various changes that are being made in the various buildings.

There will be a meeting of the Business Woman's Association at the Wright House Parlors, Monday evening, September 25th at seven-thirty. Dr. English of Saginaw will give his illustrated lecture on "Functions of the Brain." All members are requested to be present and bring a friend.

On Saturday evening Sister Stevens of the Michigan Masonic Home gave a surprise party in her room, with a few other sisters, in honor of the birthday anniversary of Sister Imogene Peck. She was 86 years old Sunday, and is still enjoying good health. Mrs. Peck received many gifts and greetings and her friends hope that she will be with them for many more years.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem will give a public benefit card party Friday afternoon, September 22 at the Michigan Masonic Home. Both 500 and bridge will be played. All members and their friends are urged to attend. No social invitation is necessary. Playing will begin at 3:00 o'clock promptly. Take a quarter with you.

President H. M. Crooks, and Vice President Roy Hamilton of Alma College and Rev. W. L. Geston of the First Presbyterian church returned Saturday evening from Detroit, where they attended the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan. On Saturday morning the Synod held a memorial service in honor of Dr. James M. Barkley, Chairman of the board of trustees of Alma College, who recently passed away. Dr. Crooks was one of the speakers at this service.

INSPECT YOUR FURNACE PIPES

FURNISHES GOOD SAFEGUARD
AGAINST MANY DISASTROUS
FIRES.

In the fall and early winter special attention should be paid to stove pipes, furnace pipes, smoke vents and flues. Where these are of metal they frequently rust, come apart or deteriorate during the summer, and when fires are started up in the fall, or they are put to a severe test during the first very cold weather, a blaze is likely to result. Now that fire prevention and safety first have become national slogans, the importance of careful supervision of heating apparatus and flues should be recognized by every good citizen, and a thorough inspection should always precede the first use of heating apparatus.

There is special need of unusually careful attention to flues, smoke-pipes and heating apparatus generally this season, because of the abnormal fuel conditions. Millions of householders will be compelled to use soft coal who have heretofore used hard coal, and the change will necessarily introduce many serious fire hazards, unless great care is taken to see that flues and smoke-pipes are kept clear and that proper safeguards are provided for the other dangers which will develop.

Fires due to faulty furnace pipes and smoke pipes have been unusually numerous this season, especially where there was dampness. Where the surface was already corroded by the heat and fumes, the dampness soon rusted the metal so that a pipe which looked all right on the outside would collapse with the slightest strain. The danger of such pipes in basements, often near wooden partitions and ceilings, is evident, but only an inspection would reveal the interior weakness.

These warnings should be especially emphatic as to dwellings, for basement fires are apt to get under dangerous headway before they are discovered, and when they occur at night life as well as property is endangered. Special attention should also be paid to furnace pipes and smoke vents in churches and schools, because of the large number of people whose lives are at risk. School boards and church trustees, working on the theory of personal responsibility for preventable fires, should pay special attention to these danger points, and if necessary, the metal smoke pipes leading from the furnace to the chimney should be replaced each year to insure safety. An ounce of fire prevention is worth a pound of fire extinguishment.

Maccabees to Have Clinic for Children

The Gratiot County Association, Ladies of the Maccabees, is arranging with the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing to have a Clinic at Ithaca, beginning at 9:30 a. m. and continuing until 5:00 p. m. on November 1st, 1922, for the benefit of the mothers of the county.

Not only members of the order, but all mothers having children whom they wish examined are urgently invited to bring their babies or young children under five years of age to Ithaca for this clinic. A mother will be allowed to ask any questions from the physician in charge pertaining to her child and receive the fullest information.

The clinic will be in charge of Dr. Blanche Haines, Director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene and Public Health Nursing, assisted by Miss Hannah Ackerman, County Red Cross Nurse, and such other assistants as may be necessary.

Under-weight or sub-normal children should be brought to this clinic without fail. The clinic is held not merely to exhibit perfect children but particularly for the benefit of those who may be in need of assistance in any way to bring them up to normal condition and standing.

The fact that 73 children under five years of age died in Gratiot county last year and that 34 were still-born, and that 57 of the 73 were under one year of age, brings home to the mothers of the county the necessity for just such work as is proposed in this Clinic; namely, the seeking out of those children who are in need of care or remedial work.

The Ladies of the Maccabees have been working for forty years for the benefit and protection of the homes and care of the little ones and gave much time and assistance in the enactment of the Shepard-Tower bill, and for the first time in the history of our country governmental and state aid is given in searching out the cases of the children that are under-weight, sub-normal and that might easily fall a prey to disease or an epidemic.

Mothers come and bring your babies. The doctors of the county have promised co-operation, and we believe great good will result from this Clinic as well as from the examinations recently made at Ithaca. Fair where sixty-nine babies were examined and tabulated and the mothers advised as to their care.

Frances E. Burns, Gl. Com. Ladies Of The Maccabees

Great excitement was caused recently in Japan when the government telephone department installed telephones for 850 people who had made application for them in 1907.

Read Record ads and regulate your buying accordingly. They will save you money.—advertisement.



Tuition \$10 a month, payable on 15th of each month. YERINGTON COLLEGE Opens October 2, 1922 Two weeks' trial free. All text books free. Practice paper free.

A typewriter in your own home, \$1 a month. Studies, (all for one tuition): Book-keeping, actual business practice, shorthand, typewriting, penmanship, English, arithmetic, spelling, punctuation, letter-writing. (We also have a Music department with 150 students enrolled.) We have taught commercial studies for 35 years and have placed hundreds of students in good positions. All of our last winter's prospective graduates secured positions before their six months' term was finished. All of our short-course (10 weeks, 11 weeks and 12 weeks) graduates of last summer secured good positions. You need spend only two hours a day at the college, and so can drive here and back many miles each day. One girl drove eleven miles and back, every day for eleven weeks, finished shorthand, and is now holding a fine position. Another girl walked two and one-half miles and back every day for four months, finished shorthand and is now holding a fine position in Grand Rapids. Drop us a post card, and we will drive to your home and tell you all about it. Address: C. W. Yerington, St. Louis, Mich. 66-6w

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
XXXIX.—DAKOTAS

NORTH and South Dakota formed the northern section of the Louisiana Purchase by the acquisition of which from France the United States nearly doubled its size.

The Dakotas were the last states which were made up wholly from this purchase, to become a part of the Union. Shortly after its acquisition, the Lewis and Clark expedition was sent out to explore it and they spent their first winter in 1804 near Mandan. The British had many fur posts in this region, and as they considered it part of British territory, they built a fort in 1810 near Pembina. British rights, however, were withdrawn in the Treaty of 1813, which established the formal boundary between the United States and Canada.

THE Sioux Indians, who had been very hostile toward white invasion finally ceded a portion of their land to the government in 1851. This was opened up to settlement and thus immigration was started in this part of the country. In 1854 the section west of the Missouri river became a part of Nebraska territory, while the portion to the East was attached to Minnesota.

However, in 1881, the separate Territory of Dakota was organized. Population did not increase rapidly, until 1896, due to the warlike demonstrations of the Indians.

It is from these Indians that the name Dakota comes.

But it was not until 1889 that the Dakota territory was divided and formed into two states. To avoid any feeling of jealousy as to which was made a state first, the two bills were signed by President Harrison after they had been shuffled up and were then re-shuffled so it is not known which was signed first. Their areas are about the same, North Dakota containing 70,837 square miles, while South Dakota has 77,615 square miles. The population is also about equal and each is entitled to five presidential electors.

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Spokes Around The Hub

Add to Site—St. Johns voters at a special school meeting voted to add to the proposed site for the new high school, making the new site 2-3 of a city block.

Old Woman Dead—Mrs. Eliza D. Wilson, living about six miles from Ionia, and regarded as one of the oldest women in Michigan is dead. She would have been 99 years of age October 26.

Lay Cornerstone—On Tuesday of this week the cornerstone of the new St. Joseph's Church in Belding was laid. The Rev. Bishop Michael Gallagher officiated at the cornerstone laying.

Lives in Barn Now—James Taylor, a farmer and well known fox hunter living near Belding, is now residing in the barn on his farm, ostracized for the present from his family. "Jim" had noticed some woodchucks on his farm. He set a trap for them. He found a trap sprung one morning and dragged into a nearby stump. Jim reached in to pull out the woodchuck. He brought it forth. It was a skunk, and that is why Taylor is now living for the time being as a recluse on his own farm.

Gets Removal Notice—Postmaster Leslie Madill of Midland has received a notice from John H. Bartlett, first assistant postmaster general, saying that his removal for the good of the service has been ordered. A petition signed by 106 business men of Midland was forwarded the same day to Senator Newberry and Congressman Woodruff, asking for his retention as postmaster. Nothing more has yet been heard from Washington in regard to the affair.

Best Record—The American Legion post at St. Johns showing the greatest increase in membership of any post in the state during the year, received a special citation at the state convention held in Ann Arbor.

"Take Him Down a Peg."

To take a person down a peg or two is to cause him to suffer in dignity. The expression comes from the custom of lowering a ship's flag, which is regulated by a line attached to pegs. The higher the ship's colors are raised in saluting, the greater the honor.

A Child's Prayer.

A tiny Brookline miss attended church with her aunt and she did not fail to bow her head in prayer. When the service was over her aunt asked her: "What did you pray for, darling?" "Oh, I was asking that church might soon be over," was the unexpected reply.—Boston Transcript.

Japan will soon celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Emperor Meiji's decree establishing state education.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Alma State Savings Bank AT ALMA, MICHIGAN

at the close of business September 15th, 1922, as called for by the Commissioner of the Banking Department.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS, viz:

Commercial	
a Secured by collateral	30,979.15
b Unsecured	218,697.53
c Items in transit	12,516.71
Totals	262,193.39

BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz:

Savings	
a Real Estate Mortgages	260,540.88
Totals	260,540.88

RESERVES, viz:

Commercial	
Due from Banks in Reserve	
Cities	67,697.43
Exchanges for clearing house	1,988.23
Total cash on hand	11,164.57
Totals	79,290.23

Savings

Due from Banks in Reserve	
Cities	7,028.86
U. S. Bonds and Cert. of Ind. carried as legal reserve in Savings Dept. only	17,000.00
Total cash on hand	10,000.00
Totals	24,028.86

COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz:

Overdrafts	672.78
Premium Accounts	
Banking House	16,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Outside checks and other cash items	2,219.70
Total	650,155.97

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	50,000.00
Surplus Fund	30,000.00
Undivided Profit, net	2,710.54
Dividends unpaid	

COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz:

Comm'l Deposits subject to ch.	245,204.57
Demand Certificates of Deposit	25.00
Certified Checks	1,194.53
Cashier's Checks	1,352.59
State Money on Deposit	5,000.00
Totals	252,875.69

SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz:

Book Accts.—Subject to Savings By-Laws	108,592.47
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws	194,977.27
Totals	293,569.74
Bills Payable	30,000.00
Total	659,155.97

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss.

I, Karl R. Adams, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.

KARL R. ADAMS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of September, 1922.

H. M. Glass, Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 24, 1925.

Correct attest: WILLIAM A. BAHKE

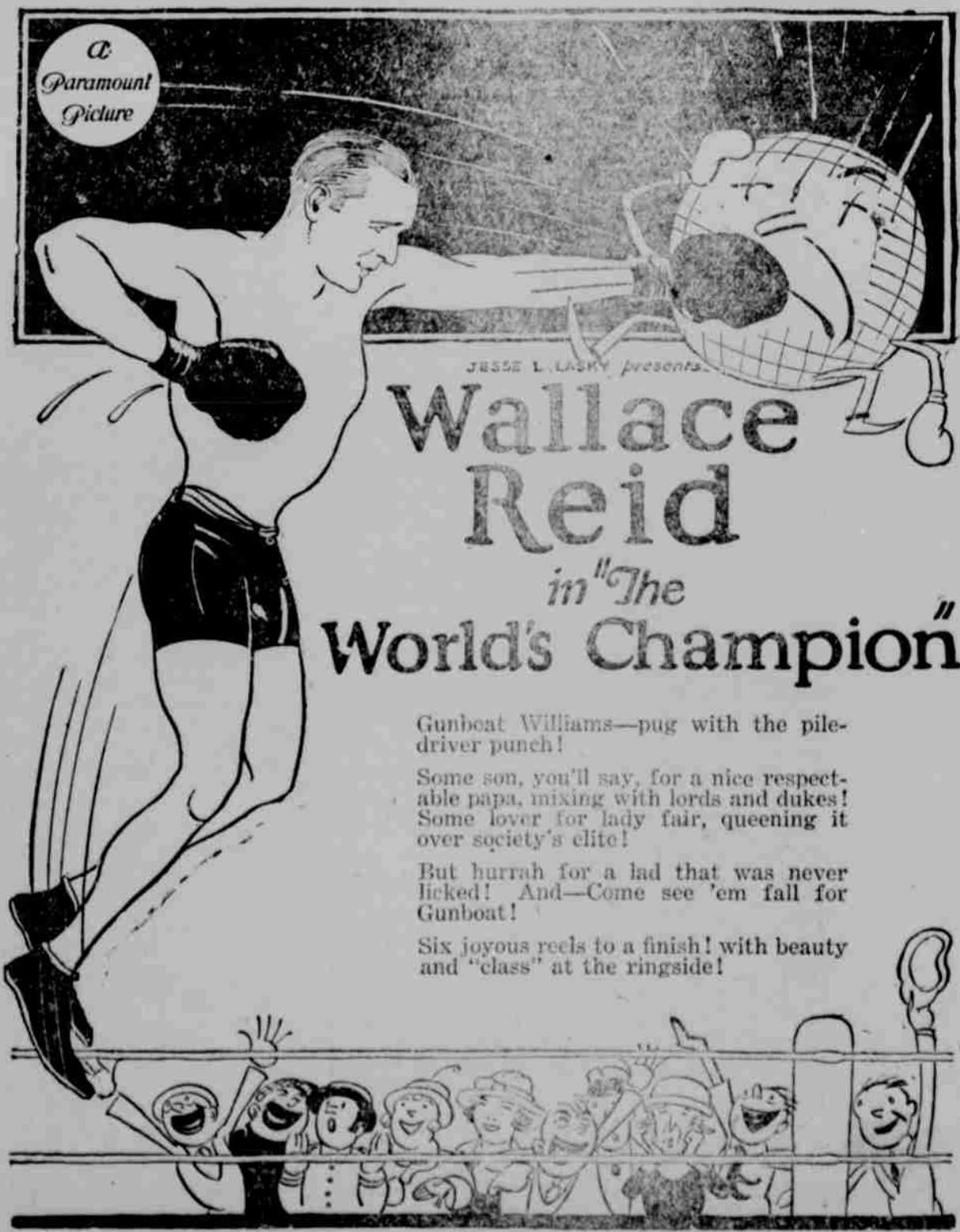
GEO. C. PARSONS

JAS. E. MITCHELL

Directors.

The STRAND

Sunday and Monday



Gunboat Williams—pug with the pile-driver punch!

Some son, you'll say, for a nice respectable papa, mixing with lords and dukes! Some lover for lady fair, queening it over society's elite!

But hurrah for a lad that was never licked! And—Come see 'em fall for Gunboat!

Six joyous reels to a finish! with beauty and "class" at the ringside!